

TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
July 23, 2019
6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

INVOCATION: Pastor Bob Szoke, Impact Christian Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Mr. Spann was absent. All other members were present.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND REMONSTRATIONS:

The town received a request for approval of a large gathering permit for St. Sava Churches fundraiser held on August 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Mrs. Shine gave a staff report. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac. There was no discussion. The motion was passed with a unanimous voice vote.

The town received a request for approval of a large gathering for NWI Hindu Religious Center India Culture Center India Fest held on August 11th. Mrs. Shine gave a staff report. Ms. LaMarca made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. There was no discussion. The vote was passed with a unanimous voice vote.

The town received a request for approval of a large gathering permit for the Salvations Fathers Marian Pilgrimage held on August 11th. Mrs. Shine gave a staff report. There was no discussion; Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mr. Minchuk. Some discssion followed. The vote was passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Hardaway read a Proclamation for the National Health Center. Mr. Hardaway announced that August 4th-August 10th will be National Health Care Center week to celebrate American health care centers and the communities they serve. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac. There was no discussion. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of the Accounts Payable Register Voucher dated July 23, 2019. Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2019. Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

BUDGET & FINANCE:

Mrs. Barron said there will be a 2020 budget meeting that is set for August 20, 2019 at 5pm.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Minchuk had no report.

COUNCIL AFFAIRS:

Ms. LaMarca announced that the Town Council would like to invite all town employees and immediate family members to Deep River Water Park on August 18th from 10 a. m. -6:00 p.m. Ms. LaMarca said the council wants to thank all town employees for all the work they do.

PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

Mr. Pettit announced that tonight Mr. Spire's last town council meeting and also thanked him for his service to the Town of Merrillville. Mr. Pettit said there will be a farewell lunch for Mr. Spires held on July 31, 2019 at 11 a.m. Mr. Pettit also welcomed the new Town Manager Mr. Patrick Reardon.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mrs. Uzelac had no report.

PARKS & RECREATION:

Ms. LaMarca referred to Ms. Orlich for a report. Ms. Orlich said the construction for the Savannah Ridge playground has started and it will take 3-4 weeks to install. Ms. Orlich continued on into the discussion of "Concert under the Stars" which is Friday July 26, 2019 from 6 p.m. to 10 p. m. the concert will include the Solid Players as well as Latin Satin Soul. She mentioned there will be handicap transportation from the Pruzin Park to the concert. Finally Ms. Orlich made mention of the first annual gospel fest which will be Saturday July 27, 2019 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS:

Mr. Barron had no report.

ELECTIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Mrs. Uzelac had no report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Mr. Pettit had no report.

UTILITY LIAISON:

Mr. Spann had no report.

ABANDONED PROPERTIES

Mr. Hardaway had no reports.

GENERAL ORDERS:

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 19- 25, (Discussion and Voice Vote)

A Resolution of The Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana authorizing the extension of current temporary loans to December 31, 2019. Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 19- 26, (Discussion and Voice Vote)

Resolution of Town Council of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, transferring monies of the 2019 budget within the Engineer Fund. Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 19-27, (Discussion and Voice Vote)

Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, transferring monies of the 2019 budget within the General Fund. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mr. Minchuk. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 19-28, (Discussion and Voice Vote)

Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, transferring monies of the 2019 budget within the CCI Fund. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve and was seconded by Ms. LaMarca. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

BZA ACTIONS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Pettit announced a Planning and Commission Workshop will be held Tuesday August 6, 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

All public comment is recorded on an audio file and kept on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office at Town Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting July 24th at 6:30 p.m.
Stormwater Management Board Meeting August 6th at 3:00 p.m.
Plan Commission Workshop August 7th at 6:30 p.m.
Town Council Meeting August 13th at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. Barron made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac.

Richard Hardaway, President

Eugene Guernsey, Clerk-Treasurer